TATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) to (e) Review of the working of Central Public Sector Enterprises inclusive of loss making enterprises is a continuous process and appropriate steps are taken to effect improvements in their working on a case to case basis. Some of the steps taken in this direction are financial restructuring, upgradation of technology, administrative re-organisation etc. A new concept of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been introduced which clarifies in mutual obligations of the public sector enterprises and the administrative Ministries in achieving improved performance. The existing provisions in the sick Industrial Companies Act 1985 do not cover Central Public Sector Enterprises and hence these enterprises are outside the purview of Board for Industrial and Financial Re-construction.

Birthday of prophet Mohammed as a National Holiday

2383. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have declared that the birthday of Prophet Mohammed would be observed as a National Holiday from this year onwards;

(b) whether all establishments, in both private and public sectors shall remain closed on this National Holiday; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps to be taken in this regard?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) to (c) Government have decided to include the birthday of Prophet Mohammed as a holiday in the list of annual holidays for Central Government administrative offices.

जर्मन पनडुब्बी सौदे के संबंध में अधिकारियों की टीम के विदेशी दौरे

2384. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या जर्मन पनडुब्बियों की खरीद में कथित दलाली दिए जाने के संबंध में अधिकारियों की कोई टीम गत जून में विदेश दौरे पर गई थी ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस टीम में कौन-कौन अधिकारी शामिल थे और उसके द्वारा की गई जांच का क्या परिणाम निकला ;

(ग) क्या सरकार उसके आधार पर दोषी पाए जाने वाले कतिपय अधिकारियों के खिलाफ कोई कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो ऐसे व्यक्तियों के नाम क्या हैं और उनके खिलाफ क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० राजा रमन्ना) : (क) और (ख) एक सरकारी दल ने जून, 1990 में स्विट्जरलैंड और जर्मन संघीय गणराज्य की यात्रा की । इस दल में प्रधान मंत्री कार्यालय में संयुक्त सचिव, श्री भूरे लाल, और केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो में संयुक्त निदेशक श्री एम० डी० शर्मा थे । केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो में पुलिस उप-अधीक्षक श्री डी०एन० चौधरी जर्मन संघीय गणराज्य बोन में इस दल में शामिल हो गए थे । इस दल ने स्विट्जरलैंड सरकार के "फैडरल डिपार्टमेंट आफ जस्टिस एड पोलिस तथा जर्मन संघीय गणराज्य के फैडरल मिनिस्ट्री आफ जस्टिस" को अनुरोध (रोगेटरी) पत्र दिए। जिनमें इन दोनों सरकारों से भारतीय नौसेना की पनडुब्बियों के सौदों के संबंध में मैसर्स एच० डी० डब्ल्यु द्वारा कमीशन की कथित अदायगी के बारे में केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो द्वारा की जा रही जांच में सहयोग देने का अनुरोध किया गया था ।

(ग) और (घ) केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो ने 5 मार्च, 1990 को नियमित मामला सख्या आर.सी. 1(ए)/90/ए.सी.यू.-1

दर्ज करा दिया है और इसकी जांच की जा रही है। न्यायालय द्वारा दोषी पाए गए व्यक्तियों के खिलाफ कार्रवाई की जाएगी।

Pollution control by motor vehicles

2385. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether after the enactment of Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 Government have formulated a scheme for checking the pollution levels of vehicles and issuing a pollution control certificate;

(b) if so, whether the anti pollution drive has not achieved the desired results; and if so, the main reasons therefor; and

(c) what efforts are being made to control pollution caused by Motor vehicles?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) A programme of checking the pollution from vehicles and issuing a pollution control certificate has been implemented by the Delhi Administration under the rules of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

(b) and (c) The following steps have been taken to check vehicular emissions:—

(i) Gross and mass emission standards have been notified under Motor Vehicles Rule, 1989. Penalties are levied on owners of vehicle which do not comply with the prescribed standards.

(ii) The Petroleum Ministry has been asked to bring down the lead content in petrol to 0.15 gms/litre by 1993. They have also been asked to check adultration in petrol.

(iii) Manufacturers have been directed to improve the design of the vehicles for meeting the standards.

(iv) An education and awareness campaign has been initiated.

Premature retirement of Ms. Mercy Kuttan from sports

2386. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATARAMAN:

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the announcement of premature retirement by Ms. Mercy Kuttan from the forthcoming Beijing Asiad Games;

(b) what is the number of the past international sports events where Ms. Mercy Kuttan participated and won laurels for the country;

(c) what are the reasons which made her to retire from sports prematuraly;

(d) whether she has decided to retire out of disgust, when she was overlooked for the third time for the coveted Arjuna Award despite her good showing in the 1987 SAF Games at Calcutta and 1988 Seoul Olympic Games where she was the only Indian to qualify for the second round in the 400 metres heat; if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(e) whether any enquiry has been conducted into the whole affair; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether any steps have been taken to persuade her to continue to be in sports; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir. Government are aware of the same through News reports.

(b) The notable recent achievements of Ms. Mrecy Kuttan in International Sports events were:

(i) 1986—4th position in Long Jump in the Asian Games held at Seoul.